

Claims**What is claimed is:**

1. A system for providing functionality to remote users at individually addressable systems, the system comprising:

5 one or more servers in communication with one or more remote user systems wherein the remote user systems are individually addressable;

one or more console systems operating on the one or more servers wherein the console systems comprise one or more base-functionality modules; and

10 one or more software game modules that utilize functionality provided by the console system to provide interactive game content to the remote user system;

wherein one or more parameters are received from the remote user system at the console system;

wherein the software game module passes game-specific information to the console system; and

15 wherein the console system communicates with the remote user system using a base-functionality module in a manner determined by the game-specific information.

2. The system of claim 1 wherein the console system further comprises one or more multi-player functionality modules.

20 3. The system of claim 1 wherein the console system further comprises one or more game service modules.

4. The system of claim 1 wherein the base functionality modules comprise

one or more of registration module, prize module, email module, notification module, reporting module, and system/error module.

5 5. The system of claim 2 wherein the multi-player functionality modules comprise one or more of chat module, ping module, style functionality, gateway module, lobby module, game selection module, and game server module.

6. The system of claim 3 wherein the game service modules comprise one or more of trivia module, fantasy module, predictive module and chat for single play module.

10 7. The system of claim 2 wherein the multi-player functionality module comprises a gateway module that generates a list of games and player data.

8. The system of claim 2 wherein the multi-player functionality module comprises a lobby module that contains game data, player data, menu options, and chat functionality.

15 9. The system of claim 1 wherein the interactive game content comprises a real-time event displayed on the remote user system.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein the remote user system comprises one or more of television, digital television, computer monitor, and wireless device.

11. A method for providing functionality to remote users at individually addressable systems, the system comprising the steps of:

20 communicating with one or more remote user systems wherein the remote user systems are individually addressable;

operating a remote console system wherein the console system comprises one or more base functionality modules;

providing interactive game content to the remote user system via a software game module that utilizes one or more base functionality modules; and

5 communicating one or more parameters from the remote user system to the console system;

wherein the software game module passes game-specific information to the console system; and wherein the console system communicates with the remote user system using a base-functionality module in a manner determined by the game-specific
10 information.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein the console system further comprises one or more multi-player functionality modules.

13. The method of claim 11 wherein the console system further comprises one or more game service modules.

14. The method of claim 11 wherein the console system is operating at a central server.

15. The method of claim 11 wherein the base functionality modules comprise one or more of registration module, prize module, email module, notification module, reporting module, and system/error module.

20 16. The method of claim 12 wherein the multi-player functionality modules comprise one or more of chat module, ping module, style functionality, gateway module,

lobby module, game selection module, and game server module.

17. The method of claim 13 wherein the game service modules comprise one or more of trivia module, fantasy module, predictive module and chat for single play module.

5 18. The method of claim 12 wherein the multi-player functionality module comprises a gateway module that generates a list of games and player data.

19. The method of claim 12 wherein the mulit-player functionality module comprises a lobby module that contains game data, player data, menu options, and chat functionality.

10 20. The method of claim 11 wherein the interactive game content comprises a real-time event displayed on the remote user system.

21. The method of claim 19 wherein the remote user system comprises one or more of television, digital television, computer monitor, and wireless device.